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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.		
TOPIC	Grossenhain Airfield		
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EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1A	
DATE OF CONTENT 2 June to 3 July 1953			
DATE OBTAINED	DATE PREPARED	6 August 1953	
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REMARKS			
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SOURCE

1. In early June 1953, there was air activity on several days at Grossenhain airfield. Between 8:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. on 4 June, night flying was conducted with searchlights being in operation. There was a 7/10 overcast. During the morning after 6 a.m. on 6 June, MiG-15s practiced individual flying and flying in elements of two. On 8 June, [redacted] Source observed a new telephone line leading to a AA gun emplacement, at which no guns were seen. [redacted]

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2. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 6 June, no air activity was observed at the field. Four MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes were parked in front of the closed hangars in the south-eastern portion of the field. Now and then carbine firing was heard from the north-eastern corner. There was no air activity on 18 June. Canvas-covered planes were seen in the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments north of the runway. Three MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes were parked on the runway. Between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 1 July, there was air activity by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes with two planes continuously taking off and landing at intervals of 10 minutes. A total of 30 MiG-15s were counted. On 3 July, only a few take-offs and landings were practiced until 2 p.m. while a heavy thunder-storm developed. A total of 20 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 planes were counted.

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Comment. A fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments are stationed at Grossenhain airfield. In early June, some MiG-15s from Grossenhain were temporarily stationed at Bautzen-Litten airfield. [redacted]

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